

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/714,599

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Examiner

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This communication is responsive to 6/16/04.

The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-7.

The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.

Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF
NFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

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ntifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of
h sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

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Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),

Paper No./Mail Date 9/22/04, 6/21/04

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit

Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In light of applicants' amendment of 9/22/04 the rejection under 35 USC 112 has been withdrawn. The claims are not duplicates. Likewise, the rejections under 35 USC 102(e) and 103 have been withdrawn the cited reference is no longer available as prior art as it is a priority document of the instant application.

Accordingly, claims 4-7 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

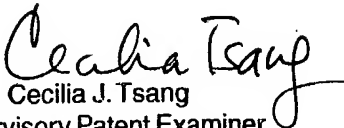
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond Covington whose telephone number is (571) 272-0681. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, C. Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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